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After the August 1944 affair, Mr. EGGEN, the personal secretary of Mr. SCHELLENBERG, approached me through Reichbank Director SCHARR and asked me to explore the possibilities of establishing direct confidential contact with the staffs of President ROOSEVELT and Premier STALIN. He wanted to suggest unofficially an armistice in order to save the German nation the misery of becoming a battle field; this was fast becoming unavoidable. The plan was to arrange the withdrawal of the German army from that front which accepted the idea and the proposal. The whole plan was predicated upon the forecast of an inevitable future clash between the West and the Soviets.

With the approval of Admiral KOJIMA I visited Switzerland in October 1944 and consulted with Dr. HACK, who had an open channel to the American authorities, and I asked him to contact them at once. At the same time I consulted the former German Consul General Geneva (I have forgotten the name; he resigned his post but refused to return to Germany) regarding the possibility of contacting STALIN, but with no results. I asked General OKAMOTO who was then in Zurich and he referred me to Colonel (again I cannot remember the name) in Berlin. At my request he flew to Sweden to consult General ONODERA, with unknown results. In January I visited Dr. HACK and the ex-German Consul General and their reply was that the U.S. officials do not believe in the sincerity of the Nazi officials.

We consulted further over separate peace between U.S. and Japan and planned to send either Rear Admiral KOJIMA or Vice Admiral ABE to negotiate with U.S. officials in Switzerland. Due to Admiral ABE's hesitation, we missed the chance to obtain a visa for Admiral KOJIMA. Thus, the negotiations had to be carried on by an officer of lower rank, Commander FUJIWARA. Consequently, headquarters at first did not take seriously the cables we sent and valuable time was lost. He planned to conduct negotiations also through the Swedish Navy but as a result of my internment, and the loss of my special passport as diplomatic courier, this came to nothing.

Upon my return to Japan I spent two years in Karuizawa. I then started foreign trade with the help of Swedish friends and today operate an import-export business in every country of the world. I do this in the hope of repaying our debt to the next generation and to bring the people of the world, especially the Japanese, closer to each other economically. I call this the alliance of the stomach.

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